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In re Application of:

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For: PREDICTION OF UNKNOWN
BIOLOGICAL FUNCTION OF
THE ACTIVE SITE IN
PROTEINS OR/AND
POLYNUCLEOTIDES, AND ITS
UTILIZATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified CIP application, please amend the case as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 11 and 13-15 to read as follows:

11. (Amended) A program wherein the method according to claim 1 is constructed using a mathematical means, which realizes, on a computer, a function capable of predicting novel biological functional and/or binding activity of desired protein, amino acid, or nucleotide sequence.

13. (Amended) A storage medium readable on a computer, which stores a program wherein the method according to claim 1 is constructed using a mathematical means,